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A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING CONFIDENTIAL CODES

the specification of which

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Application Serial No. 09/582,797
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(if applicable)

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Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
97 16786 (Number)	France (Country)	31.12.1997 (Day/Month/Year Filed)	XX Yes	No
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